

THIRD TAXING DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 10, 2003

ATTENDANCE: David Brown, Chairman; Steve Feinstein; Paul Coggin

STAFF: Ron Scofield, Office Manager; George Leary, General Manager.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7.10pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2003

The following corrections were made:

Page 8, to include the adjournment time of 10pm and to note that no action was taken during executive session.

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2003

The following corrections were made:

Page one, statement under the first motion should include that Mr. Brown, Mr. Feinstein, Mr. Coggin, Attorney Dennin and Mr. Wallace were the members who went into executive session.

Page one, second motion correct the name of Paul S. Coggin.

Page two, second paragraph, at the end of the second sentence add “Mr. Feinstein concurred.”

Page three, fifth paragraph, fourth line, replace He with Mr. Wallace and include the word unit after bargaining.

- ** MR. BROWN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2003

The following corrections were made:

Page two, first motion delete the words “Board of “.

Page seven, delete the underlined heading and replace with Discussion and Approval of Hand Held Meter Readers.

Page eight, under the Discussion and Approval of Application and for the Position of Lineman, after the second sentence add the following statement: Mr. Coggin stated that it was the Commission’s duty to approve the position and the rate the pay. The hiring details should be left to the General Manager.

Page twelve, correct the spelling of Mr. Scofield.

**** MR. BROWN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**** MR. COGGIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF METER READING BIDS

Mr. Leary stated that he had contacted Home Town Connections as requested by Mr. Feinstein during the previous meeting and stated that the quote they provided was higher and it also left out a large amount of conversion time. He added that Radix is still the lowest bid.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Leary if Radix Corporation was his recommendation. Mr. Leary confirmed that it was.

Mr. Coggin stated that they would need to include the price of the hardware.

Mr. Leary stated that Mr. Williams had supplied them with an estimate. Mr. Coggin suggested that they ask Mr. Williams to supply them with three estimates for the equipment needed.

Mr. Brown suggested that they approve the purchase of the units and agreed with Mr. Coggin in that they ask Mr. Williams to supply the additional estimates.

**** MR. COGGIN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE HAND HELD OPTION WITH RADIX CORPORATION AS QUOTED AND AS RECOMMENDED BY GENERAL MANAGER, GEORGE LEARY FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$15,765.**

**** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW

TRUCK FOR THE LINE FOREMAN

Mr. Leary stated that it is time to replace the pick up truck (the red one).

Mr. Brown noted that they would only require (for example) a Ford 1-50. Mr. Leary added that the Line Foreman's request was for a long bed pick up truck and also one that would be suitable for ploughing.

Mr. Coggin asked if he would be able to plough with a truck so light in the rear and asked about the four-

wheel drive aspect.

Mr. Brown noted that four wheel or all wheel drive was a standard on trucks.

Mr. Coggin added that if it is to be used for ploughing they should check that it is not too light in the back.

Mr. Leary asked if there was a state contract in Connecticut; he said he would look into this.

CMEEC RESOLUTION REGARDING REPRESENTATIVES

TO THE CMEEC BOARD – ADD GEORGE LEARY

Mr. Scofield distributed a copy of the resolution to all present. Mr. Brown noted that the only change was the addition of Mr. Leary's name and title in the fourth paragraph.

**** MR. COGGIN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CMEEC RESOLUTION AS UPDATED.**

**** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION OF SUBARU LEASE EXPIRING JUNE 23, 2003

- PURCHASE OPTION OR RETURN VEHICLE

Mr. Leary stated that the lease is up on the Subaru on June 23, 2003 and said since he will be using his own car; his inclination was to turn it back in. He said the other option would be to buy it out.

Mr. Scofield noted that the price to buy it out would be approximately \$17,000; he added that the leasing company would need a three week notice period if they intended to turn the car back in.

Mr. Feinstein requested the buy out price and blue book value for April.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM PROPOSAL

Mr. Scofield said that several months ago they had had to replace one of their telephones and after some discussion with Custom Phone (who had replaced the phone at the time) had stated that this type of phone could no longer be found and had further advised that they look into a new telephone system. Mr. Scofield said he had asked Custom Phone at that time to give him a bare-bones proposal and another to include all the add-ons.

Mr. Leary noted that the current system is basic and works well, however it is not supported.

Mr. Coggin advised that telephone systems can get expensive and suggested that a bid specification be written up to get three competitive estimates.

There was some discussion about the way the telephone is answered. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Feinstein agreed that they wanted a human voice to answer the phone, not a machine.

SECURITY SYSTEM PROPOSAL

Mr. Brown stated that according to the insurance company and the Siting Council, they should be protecting the two sub-stations.

Mr. Leary noted that they would need basic intrusion alarms for the sub-stations and office, at the same time adding fire alarms to the office.

Mr. Coggin referred to a conversation he had had with Mr. Leary regarding the security audit and suggested they revisit some of the work that was completed about a year ago and update it. He also questioned the positive benefits this would have with regard to the cost of insurance.

Mr. Leary said in his experience, additional security items saves on insurance costs.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Leary to look at the security systems for the sub-stations and the office.

**** MR. BROWN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO FINALIZE AND RATIFY THE GRIEVANCES SETTLEMENT WITH CHARIOTT AND LYONS.**

**** MR. COGGIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE FIRE HOUSE.**

**** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR
FOR THE FIRE HOUSE

Mr. Feinstein stated that today he had received a telephone call from Jack O'Donnell regarding the replacement of tiles and the flooring. He added that they are looking for the Third Taxing District to pay up to \$1000 to make cosmetic improvements.

Mr. Brown said he had heard the same story two years ago, and had suggested that they look at the budget, as this had been under spent.

Mr. Coggin asked what kind of condition the building is in. Mr. Feinstein replied that it was old and run down and needs upgrading.

Mr. Coggin asked if the \$1000 was for materials only. Mr. Feinstein replied that this was correct.

Mr. Leary suggested that they look at their budget at the end of the year to see what money is left and do some projects.

**** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED APPROVAL OF \$1000 FOR COSMETIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING KNOWN AS THE EAST NORWALK FIRE HOUSE.**

**** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**

**** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO MAKE THE PRICE UP TO \$1000 FOR MATERIALS ONLY.**

**** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED THE AMENDMENT.**

**** AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MR. BROWN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE POSITION OF LINEMAN AND THE GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENTS WITH CHARIOTT AND LYONS.**

**** MR. COGGIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Brown, Mr. Feinstein, Mr. Coggin, Mr. Scofield and Mr. Leary went into executive session at 8.02pm and reconvened into public session at 8.44pm.

The following action was taken during executive session.

**** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO RATIFY THE SETTLEMENT OF THE JOE CHARIOTT/TIM LYONS GRIEVANCE SUBJECT TO THE**

REVOCATION OF RATIFICATION BY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING ON OR BEFORE MARCH 14, 2003.

**** MR. COGGIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED TWO VOTES IN FAVOR, ONE OPPOSED (MR. BROWN).**

**** MR. COGGIN MOVED THAT GENERAL MANAGER GEORGE LEARY WORK WITH THE DISTRICT COUNSEL TO TERMINATE SCOTT MARSIC FOR JUST CAUSE.**

**** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In discussion it was noted, for the record, that the motion is based on more than reasonable attempts have been made to contact Scott to verify his position, with no response from Scott.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. COGGIN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9.02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kye

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